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Ref: 8EPR-SR

Mr. Lauren M. Roberts, President
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Re: Remedial Investigation Work Plans for the American Tunnel and Mayflower Areas

Dear Mr. Roberts,

Thank you for your February 16, 2015 letter. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is providing this response for itself, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (collectively the Agencies). The Agencies are encouraged with Sunnyside Gold Corporation's (SGC) continued commitment to work on improving the water quality in the Animas River. Since your letter states that SGC has begun preparing the work plans, the Agencies would like to schedule a meeting with SGC as soon as possible to: 1) discuss work plan development in accordance with agency requirements; 2) discuss coordinating SGC's work plans with the Agencies work plans for remedial investigation work in other portions of the basin; and 3) begin discussions on an agreement for the development and implementation of SGC's work plans.

The Agencies appreciate the continued cooperation and conversations regarding the next steps. We will be in touch to schedule a meeting with the Agencies and SCG representatives to be held in the Denver EPA offices in the next couple of weeks. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at 303-312-6776 or hestmark.martin@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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